

THE FA PEOPLE'S CUP 2018 – Tournament Rules

- Maximum of seven players in a team – 5 on pitch and 2 subs
- No sliding tackles permitted
- Access to penalty areas being restricted only to goalkeepers. Advantage gained by entry into the penalty area by a defender results in a direct free kick from the penalty mark; entry into the penalty area by an attacker results in the goalkeeper being given possession of the ball to re-start the game.
- After the goalkeeper has distributed the ball, he/she may only receive a pass if the ball has either touched an opponent or if the ball has been touched by at least two of the goalkeeper's team-mates.
- Goalkeepers can only distribute the ball through underarm throws. Goalkeepers are not allowed to kick the ball deliberately unless in the process of making a save.
- Kick ins should be used to restart play on pitches being played to lines.

Group Standings

Group standings will be decided on the following basis in the event of teams being tied on points:

- Head-to-head result / Goal Difference / Goals Scored / Goals Conceded

The only exception to this is in any Youth categories where the following process should be applied:

- Head-to-head result
- Play-off between the 2 teams – An additional match with penalties if required to determine a winner.

Discipline Procedures

The following bans should be administered in the event of:

- Three Cautions result in a 1 match ban for the next match
- A sending off results in a 1 match ban for the next match

In addition The Organising Parties reserve the right to expel any team or Team Member from the Competition if either of them deems that team or Team Member to be acting:

- In an unsportsmanlike fashion;
- Outside the principles of fair play;
- In a way that damages the image of the Competition; or
- Fielding a player or players who do not meet the eligibility criteria.